

Interview Summary

Application No. 09/879,825	Applicant(s) Barnett et al
	Examiner James W. Myhre
	Art Unit 3622

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James W. Myhre

(3) James Gatto

(2) Arthur Duran

(4) Brad Blaise

Date of Interview Mar 6, 2003

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 47 and 57

Identification of prior art discussed:

Larson et al (5,708,782)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Applicants presented arguments pertaining to the functions of the various servers in the reference and how they differed from the claimed functions. In particular, Larson did not disclose the second server detecting the coupon on the client system and also redeeming the coupon. After much discussion it was agreed that the reference did not seem to include the detecting feature and the redemption feature in the same server. The Examiner noted that he believed that another cited reference, Nichtberger et al (4,882,675), and other references not cited disclosed these features, but that further search and consideration would be necessary upon receipt of the Applicant's response. It was further agreed that the present application did have support for the claimed feature and that the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection in the previous office action would be withdrawn.

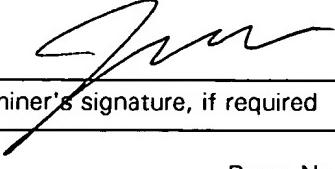
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

JAMES W. MYHRE
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 3622

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required